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MontCAS Focused Monthly Webinar Series Last updated November 2, 2023

SY2024 OPI Assessment Focused Webinar Registration

The Assessment Unit offers a 1-hour webinar once a month from September to June annually for a total of 10 webinars during the school year. These focused webinars are designed to support educational practitioners involved in managing district assessments, accountability, and reporting requirements under state and federal law.

Webinars include a 30–40-minute presentation on a time-sensitive assessment topic, a 15 minute "Learning Lab" demonstration of a key assessment task, and end with time for participants to ask the OPI Assessment Team any questions pertaining to state assessments.

Register	Day and Date	Topic Focus	Learning Lab
[Register]	Wednesday September 13, 2023 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 1: English Learner Identification, Assessment, and Exiting Screening ACCESS Testing Best practices for exiting ELs from the EL program District resources and supports 	Setting up Screening
[Register]	Wednesday October 11, 2023 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 2: System Access Across Assessments and Set Up What are the test delivery portals? What is available on the portals? Who controls access? Walking through the testing portals 	Rostering Students
[Register]	Wednesday November 8, 2023 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 3: Ensuring Test Security and Student Privacy Test security measures and guidelines FERPA and Student privacy: What is PII & how to communicate PII with OPI Incident levels and reporting Walking through a testing incident 	Setting up and using the Secure File Transfer service
[Register]	Wednesday December 13, 2023 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 4: Accessibility 3 Tiers of Accessibility Ensuring appropriate accommodations are in place for testing Using AIM to pull a report and troubleshooting missing accommodations 	Uploading accommodations into TIDE with a spreadsheet
[Register]	Wednesday January 10, 2024 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 5: Five Things You Must Know About the Alternate Assessments This Year Assessment, accountability, and reporting requirements Overview of the planning, preparation, setup, and monitoring Noteworthy changes and frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers 	Properly using the Early Stopping Rule in MSAA and AMSA
[Register]	Wednesday February 7, 2024 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 6: Five Things You Must Know About the Smarter Balanced and Science Assessments This Year Assessment, accountability, and reporting requirements Overview of the planning, preparation, setup, and monitoring musts Noteworthy changes and frequently asked questions and answers 	Monitoring Test Completions in TIDE
[Register]	Wednesday March 13, 2024 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 7: Five Things You Must Know About High School Assessment This Year Assessment, accountability, and reporting requirements Overview of the planning, preparation, setup, and monitoring musts High school alternate testing Noteworthy changes and frequently asked questions (FAQs) and answers 	Finding core reports in ACT Success
[Register]	Wednesday April 10, 2024 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 8: Gearing-Up for MAST Varying degrees of participation Roles and responsibilities, KITE Platform Curriculum Alignment Accommodation Guidance Training Opportunities 	Adding Users and Rostering
[Register]	Wednesday May 8, 2024 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 9: Meaningful Score Reports Strategies on delivering score reports Best practices for notice; requirements, privacy risks, and purpose Promote understanding: parents must understand their child's proficiency and progress on grade-level content 	Accessing Score Reports across the Testing Portals
[Register]	Wednesday June 12, 2024 3:30 PM-4:30 PM	 Focused Webinar 10: Wrapping Up and Looking Forward Preliminary statewide participation rates Upcoming changes for testing, accountability, and reporting Wind down and wrap up assessment activities and timeline 	Submitting Non- Participation Requests